

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application, Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 21, and 31 having been presently amended, and Claims 32 and 33 having been added. Support for amended Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 21, and 31 can be found, for example, in the original claims, drawings, and specification as originally filed.¹ No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11-13, 15, 16, 21-23, 25, 26, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Goldsmith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,010,551; hereinafter “Goldsmith”); and Claims 4, 7-10, 14, 17-20, 24, and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Goldsmith in view of Machida et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0026290; hereinafter “Machida”).

Initially, Applicant respectfully requests that the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application containing an attached statement of relevance be considered, initialed and returned with the next Office Action. Further, Applicant requests that all of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 19, 2004, be acknowledged as having been considered in the next Office Action. An English Abstract was provided for the non-English references for the Examiner’s consideration. Lastly, Applicant requests that receipt of certified copies of JP 2003-064242 and JP 2004-035002 be acknowledged.

In response to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11-13, 15, 16, 21-23, 25, 26, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Goldsmith, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 1 recites novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied reference.

¹ See Figures 1-3 and page 14, line 4 to page 16, line 20 of the specification.

Amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a guidance output method including,

inter alia:

...displaying, in response to a display instruction, guidance information indicated by a guidance part on a display part that is provided on the electronic apparatus,

wherein said guidance part is provided within the electronic apparatus at a location corresponding to an apparatus part, that is provided within the electronic apparatus, and to which the guidance information is related.

Page 2 of the outstanding Office Action contends that column 6, lines 38-40 of Goldsmith teaches a guidance part provided at a location corresponding to an apparatus part, within the electronic apparatus, to which the guidance information is related.

However, column 6, lines 38-40 of Goldsmith merely describes that “[t]he machine or status code fault will then be displayed at a predetermined location on the display screen on the fault analysis main menu.” In other words, the “predetermined location” in Goldsmith refers to a position on the display screen, and thus, the machine or status code fault is simply displayed on the display screen. Goldsmith does not disclose or suggest displaying on the display screen “information that is indicated by a guidance part which is provided within the machine,” as in Applicant’s Claim 1.

In contrast, in the present invention as defined in Claim 1, guidance information indicated by a guidance part is displayed on a display part that is provided on the electronic apparatus in response to a display instruction. The guidance part is provided within the electronic apparatus at a location corresponding to an apparatus part, that is provided within the electronic apparatus, and to which the guidance information is related.

In a non-limiting embodiment of Applicant’s invention, it is possible to display on the display part the guidance information that is indicated by the guidance part. As a result,

erroneous recognition of the guidance information is avoided and positive and accurate recognition of the guidance information becomes possible.²

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 1 (and all claims depending thereon) patentably distinguishes over Goldsmith.

Amended independent Claims 11 and 31 recite “at least one guidance part configured to indicate guidance information including operation procedures and warnings related to maintenance, said guidance part being provided within the electronic apparatus at a location corresponding to one of the apparatus parts, that is provided within the electronic apparatus, to which the guidance information is related,” and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Amended independent Claim 21 recites “wherein said guidance part is provided within the electronic apparatus at a location corresponding to an apparatus part, that is provided within the electronic apparatus, and to which the guidance information is related,” and is also believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11-13, 15, 16, 21-23, 25, 26, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as unpatentable by Goldsmith, be withdrawn.

In response to the rejection of Claims 4, 7-10, 14, 17-20, 24, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Goldsmith in view of Machida, Applicant notes that these claims are dependent on the independent claims discussed above and are believed to be patentable for similar reasons. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Machida fails to cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Goldsmith as Machida merely describes guidance information having a hierarchical structure.

² See the specification at, for example, page 8, line 22 to page 9, line 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 4, 7-10, 14, 17-20, 24, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Goldsmith in view of Machida be withdrawn.

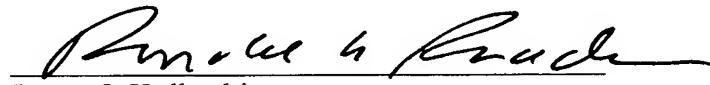
In order to vary the scope of protection recited in the claims, new Claims 32 and 33 are added. New Claims 32 and 33 find non-limiting support in the disclosure as originally filed, for example, at page 14, line 4 to page 16, line 20 of the specification with corresponding Figures 1-3.

Therefore, the changes to the claims are not believed to raise a question of new matter.³ Claims 32 and 33 are dependent on Claim 1 and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, and in light of the above discussion, the pending claims as presented herewith are believed to be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See MPEP 2163.06 stating that "information contained in any one of the specification, claims or drawings of the application as filed may be added to any other part of the application without introducing new matter."